

REMARKS

Claims 2-13 are pending.

Claims 2 and 3 are amended to more positively recite (1) "comprising in combination" in the preambles thereof, (2) a "rigid tile," and (3) a "batten [disposable] disposed between the tile and the overlayment" (insertions underlined and deletions in brackets).

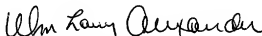
No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments to the pending claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,


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